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TO AMEMBASSY TOKYO

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TAGS: ETRD, ECE, JA

SUBJECT: JAPANESE ROLE IN ECE TIMBER COMMITTEE

REF: TOKYO 6033

1. OUR RECENT EXPERIENCE WITH PROBLEMS ARISING FROM  
INCREASED TIMBER PRICES SUGGESTS TO US THAT ALL COUNTRIES  
CONCERNED WOULD BENEFIT IF JAPAN WERE TO ASSUME ACTIVE  
ROLE AS OBSERVER IN UN ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR EUROPE  
TIMBER COMMITTEE. THIS COMMITTEE PROVIDES PRODUCERS AND

CONSUMERS A PLACE TO EXCHANGE INFORMATION ON SUPPLY  
OF AND DEMAND FOR LOGS AND LUMBER. AS A MAJOR CONSUMER  
WHICH IN FUTURE WILL NEED INCREASED IMPORTS, JAPAN  
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CLEARLY HAS AN INTEREST IN TIMBER COMMITTEE PROCEEDINGS.

2. EMBASSY IS THEREFORE REQUESTED TO APPROACH FORNMIN AT APPROPRIATE LEVEL AND URGE THAT JAPANESE SEEK INVITATION FROM ECE TO ACTIVITIES OF ECE TIMBER COMMITTEE UNDER PROVISIONS ARTICLE II OF ECE TERMS OF REFERENCE WHICH PROVIDE FOR PARTICIPATION OF ANY UN MEMBER NOT MEMBER OF ECE IN CONSULTATIVE CAPACITY IN ECE CONSIDERATION OF ANY MATTER OF PARTICULAR CONCERN TO THAT NON- MEMBER (SPECIFICALLY: " THE COMMISSION SHALL INVITE ANY MEMBER OF THE UNITED NATION NOT A MEMBER OF THE COMMISSION TO CONSIDERATION OF ANY MATTER OF PARTICULAR CONCERN TO THAT NON- MEMBER."). JAPANESE ARE FAMILIAR WITH THIS PROCEDURE THROUGH THEIR PARTICIPATION IN ECE STEEL AND TRADE COMMITTEES AND ANNUAL PLENARY SESSIONS, BUT HAVE NOT IN RECENT YEARS ATTENDED TIMBER COMMITTEE SESSIONS. JAPAN WOULD JOIN CANADA WHICH, ALTHOUGH NOT MEMBER, PARTICIPATE VERY ACTIVELY AS OBSERVER IN TIMBER COMMITTEE WORK UNDER ARTICLE II.

3. PLEASE REPORT GOJ REACTION THIS SUGGESTION. ROGERS

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